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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL INMATE REDUCTION PLAN

On June 29, 2006, personnel from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department), the Chief Administrative Office and the American Civil Liberties Union participated in a panel discussion with United States District Court Judge Dean Pregerson regarding several custody issues, including Judge Pregerson's concerns of overcrowding at the Men's Central Jail (MCJ). In response to Judge Pregerson's concerns, the Department initiated an Inmate Reduction Plan to preemptively mitigate the issue of overcrowding at MCJ.

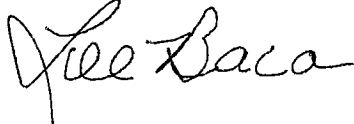
The Inmate Reduction Plan involves reducing six-man cells to four-man cells, and four-man cells to two-man cells, reducing MCJ's population by 1,200 inmates. The resulting movement decreases MCJ's population by over 20 percent. The inmates will be relocated to Pitchess Detention Center's North Annex and Twin Towers Correctional Facility's Tower II. The aforementioned inmate movement will commence in phases, with movement beginning July 6, 2006, and ending September 3, 2006.

Although there will be a reduction of 1,200 inmates at MCJ, the movement will not reduce staffing needs at the facility due to the affected cells still being occupied by high and medium security inmates that require a high degree of supervision. Staffing needs at North Annex and Twin Towers, however, will increase as a result of the movement. North Annex will require an additional 40 deputy sheriffs and 10 custody assistants, while Twin Towers will require an additional 82 deputy sheriffs and 32 custody assistants to accommodate the transition once completed. The personnel being assigned to Twin Towers to staff the movement has been funded by your Board, while staffing at the North Annex has not been funded.

A Tradition of Service

I am confident the Department's Inmate Reduction Plan will address Judge Pregerson's concerns regarding MCJ's overcrowding, and I look forward to partnering with the Board in addressing these challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leroy Baca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leroy" and the last name "Baca" clearly distinguishable.

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